1999 National Youth Gang Center Survey

agency: (text) the name of the agency returning the 1998 survey.
city: (text) the mailing city of the agency returning the 1998 survey.
county: (text) the mailing county of the agency returning the 1998 survey.
state: (text) the mailing state of the agency returning the 1998 survey

The Survey Data Fields

q1:   (numeric) answer to question 1.
     0 = Form not returned, or data improperly entered
     1 = Yes
     2 = No
     3 = Do not know
     4 = Blank, no response is recorded

q2ag: (numeric) the number of active youth gangs.
q2agdnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 2.
     Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.
     $((q2ag = 0)$ and $(q2agdnk = 0)) =>$ answer is 0
     $((q2ag = (num > 0))$ and $(q2agdnk = 0)) =>$ num gangs reported
     $((q2ag = 0)$ and $(q2agdnk = 1)) =>$ do not know answer
     $((q2ag = 0)$ and $(q2agdnk = 2)) =>$ blank, no response is recorded

q3gm: (numeric) number of active gang members.
q3gmdnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 3.
     Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.
     $((q3gm = 0)$ and $(q3gmdnk = 0)) =>$ answer is 0
     $((q3gm = (num > 0))$ and $(q3gmdnk = 0)) =>$ num gang members reported
     $((q3gm = 0)$ and $(q3gmdnk = 1)) =>$ do not know answer
     $((q3gm = 0)$ and $(q3gmdnk = 2)) =>$ blank, no response is recorded

q4_15:   (numeric) percent of gang members under age 15.
q4_15_17:   (numeric) percent of gang members between the ages 15 and 17 inclusive.
q4_18_24:   (numeric) percent of gang members between the ages 18 and 24 inclusive.
q4_24:   (numeric) percent of gang members over age 24.
q4dnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 4.
     Note: These five variables together provide the response to the question.
     $[(q4\_15) + (q4\_15\_17) + (q4\_18\_24) + (q4\_24) = 100]$ and $(q4dnk = 0)$
     $=>$ a valid response
     $[(q4\_15) + (q4\_15\_17) + (q4\_18\_24) + (q4\_24) = 0]$ and $(q4dnk = 1) =>$
     do not know answer
     $[(q4\_15) + (q4\_15\_17) + (q4\_18\_24) + (q4\_24) = 0]$ and $(q4dnk = 2) =>$
     blank, no response is recorded

q5african: (numeric) percent of African American/black gang members.
q5hispanic: (numeric) percent of Hispanic/Latino gang members.
q5caucas: (numeric) percent of Caucasian/white gang members.
q5asian: (numeric) percent of Asian gang members.
q5native: (numeric) percent of Native American/Indian gang members.
q5other: (numeric) percent of other ethnic gang members.
q5ident: (text) ethnic identification of the other ethnicity.
q5dnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 5.

Note: The seven numeric variables together provide the response to the question.

[(q5african + q5hispanic + q5caucas + q5asian + q5native + q5other) = 100] and (q5dnk = 0) => a valid response

[(q5african + q5hispanic + q5caucas + q5asian + q5native + q5other) = 0] and (q5dnk = 1) => do not know answer

[(q5african + q5hispanic + q5caucas + q5asian + q5native + q5other) = 0] and (q5dnk = 2) => blank, no response is recorded

q6upper: (numeric) percent of upper middle class gang members.
q6middle: (numeric) percent of middle class gang members.
q6work: (numeric) percent of working class gang members.
q6under: (numeric) percent of underclass gang members.
q6other: (numeric) percent of gang members in a class not specified above.
q6ident: (text) identification of the other class.
q6dnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 6.

Note: The six numeric variables together provide the response to the question.

[(q6upper + q6middle + q6work + q6under + q6other) = 100] and (q6dnk = 0) => a valid response

[(q6upper + q6middle + q6work + q6under + q6other) = 0] and (q6dnk = 1) => do not know answer

[(q6upper + q6middle + q6work + q6under + q6other) = 0] and (q6dnk = 2) => blank, no response is recorded

q7: (numeric) number of member-based homicides.
q7dnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 7.

Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.

(q7 = 0) and (q7dnk = 0) => answer is 0

(q7 = (num > 0)) and (q7dnk = 0) => num member-based homicides

(q7 = 0) and (q7dnk = 1) => do not know answer

(q7 = 0) and (q7dnk = 2) => blank, no response is recorded

q8: (numeric) number of motive-based homicides.
q8dnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 8.

Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.

(q8 = 0) and (q8dnk = 0) => answer is 0

(q8 = (num > 0)) and (q8dnk = 0) => num motive-based homicides

$(q8 = 0)$ and $(q8dnk = 1) \Rightarrow$ do not know answer
$(q8 = 0)$ and $(q8dnk = 2) \Rightarrow$ blank, no response is recorded

q9aa: (numeric) amount of aggravated assault.
q9r: (numeric) amount of robbery.
q9bbe: (numeric) amount of burglary/breaking and entering.
q9mvt: (numeric) amount of motor vehicle theft.
q9lt: (numeric) amount of larceny/theft.
     Note: Each of the responses for question 9 are as follows.
     0 = Form not returned, or data entry error
     1 = None
     2 = Few
     3 = Some
     4 = Most/all
     5 = Blank

q10a: (numeric) percent of drug gangs.
q10adnk: (numeric) do not know answer to question 10.
     Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.
     $(q10a = 0)$ and $(q10adnk = 0) \Rightarrow$ answer is 0
     $(q10a = (num > 0))$ and $(q10adnk = 0) \Rightarrow$ num percent drug gangs
     $(q10a = 0)$ and $(q10adnk = 1) \Rightarrow$ do not know answer
     $(q10a = 0)$ and $(q10adnk = 2) \Rightarrow$ blank, no response is recorded

q10b: (numeric) indicates if there are other drug gangs in the area that are not youth gangs.
     0 = Form not returned, or data entry error
     1 = Yes
     2 = No
     3 = Do not know
     4 = Blank, no response is recorded

q10c: (numeric) number of non-youth-gang drug gangs.
     Note: This should only contain a value when $(q10b = 1)$, an answer under any other conditions is not valid.

q11:   (numeric) percent of youth gang members involved in the street sales of drugs.
q11dnk: (numeric) do not know response to question 11.
     Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.
     $(q11 = 0)$ and $(q11dnk = 0) \Rightarrow$ answer is 0
     $(q11 = (num > 0))$ and $(q11dnk = 0) \Rightarrow$ num percent youth gang members
     $(q11 = 0)$ and $(q11dnk = 1) \Rightarrow$ do not know response
     $(q11 = 0)$ and $(q11dnk = 2) \Rightarrow$ blank, no response is recorded

q12:   (numeric) percent of migrant youth gang members.

q12dnk: (numeric) do not know response to question 12.
Note: These two answers combine to provide a response for the question.
(q12 = 0) and (q12dnk = 0) => answer is 0
(q12 = (num > 0)) and (q12dnk = 0) => num percent of migrant members
(q12 = 0) and (q12dnk = 1) => do not know response
(q12 = 0) and (q12dnk = 2) => blank, no response is recorded

q13: (numeric) opinion on youth gangs appearing outside large cities.
1 = Strongly agree
2 = Agree
3 = Disagree
4 = Strongly disagree
5 = Do not know
6 = Blank

q14a: (numeric) city council/county government enacted a gang-related abatement ordinance.
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
4 = Blank

q14b: (numeric) city/county attorney developed a civil injunction against gang behavior.
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Do not know
4 = Blank

q15pei_a: (numeric) effectiveness of Prevention and Early Intervention.
1 = High
2 = Medium
3 = Low
4 = Not effective
5 = Blank

q15pei_b: (numeric) emphasis on Prevention and Early Intervention.
1 = More needed
2 = No change
3 = Less needed
4 = Blank

q15si_a: (numeric) effectiveness of Social Intervention.
1 = High
2 = Medium
3 = Low

4 = Not effective
5 = Blank

q15si_b: (numeric) emphasis on Social Intervention.
1 = More needed
2 = No change
3 = Less needed
4 = Blank

q15cm_a: (numeric) effectiveness of Community Mobilization.
1 = High
2 = Medium
3 = Low
4 = Not effective
5 = Blank

q15cm_b: (numeric) emphasis on Community Mobilization.
1 = More needed
2 = No change
3 = Less needed
4 = Blank

q15op_a: (numeric) effectiveness of Opportunities Provision.
1 = High
2 = Medium
3 = Low
4 = Not effective
5 = Blank

q15op_b: (numeric) emphasis on Opportunities Provision.
1 = More needed
2 = No change
3 = Less needed
4 = Blank

q15mle_a: (numeric) effectiveness of Moderate Law Enforcement Policies.
1 = High
2 = Medium
3 = Low
4 = Not effective
5 = Blank

q15mle_b: (numeric) emphasis on Moderate Law Enforcement Policies.
1 = More needed
2 = No change
3 = Less needed

4 = Blank

q15sa_a: (numeric) effectiveness of Suppression Approaches.
1 = High
2 = Medium
3 = Low
4 = Not effective
5 = Blank

q15sa_b: (numeric) emphasis on Suppression Approaches.
1 = More needed
2 = No change
3 = Less needed
4 = Blank

q16a: (numeric) opinion of multi-agency cooperation.
1 = 1, low amount of cooperation
2 = 2
3 = 3
n = n
10 = 10, high amount of cooperation

q16b: (numeric) opinion of multi-agency effectiveness.
1 = 1, low amount of cooperation
2 = 2
3 = 3
n = n
10 = 10, high amount of cooperation

q17a: (numeric) condition of youth gang problem compared to last year.
1 = Getting worse
2 = Getting better
3 = Staying about the same
4 = Do not know
5 = Blank

q17brace: (numeric) racial/ethnic conflicts.
0 = not selected as a reason
1 = selected as a reason

q17bgrow: (numeric) growth of the youth population.
0 = not selected as a reason
1 = selected as a reason

q17bdrug: (numeric) growth of drug gangs.
0 = not selected as a reason

1 = selected as a reason

q17bpris: (numeric) prison gang influence.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17bpvty: (numeric) persistent poverty in inner cities.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17bsprd: (numeric) spread of the population outward from central cities.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17bmore: (numeric) more younger and older gang members.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17bccat: (numeric) copycatting big city gangs.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason
Note: None of the q17b items should be checked unless q17a is 1.
q17cecon: (numeric) stronger economy.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17cinca: (numeric) more use of incarceration.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17cprev: (numeric) better prevention and early intervention programs.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17ccomm: (numeric) community policing.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17csup: (numeric) better suppression tactics.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17cfall: (numeric) an overall falling crime rate.
        0 = not selected as a reason
        1 = selected as a reason

q17cdcln: (numeric) decline of the crack cocaine epidemic.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17cconc: (numeric) more community concern for young people.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason
Note: None of the q17c items should be checked unless q17a is 2.

q17drace: (numeric) racial/ethnic conflicts.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17dgrow: (numeric) growth of the youth population.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17ddrug: (numeric) growth of drug gangs.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17dpris: (numeric) prison gang influence.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17dpvty: (numeric) persistent poverty in inner cities.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17dsprd: (numeric) spread of the population outward from central cities.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17dmore: (numeric) more younger and older gang members.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason

q17dccat: (numeric) copycatting big city gangs.
 0 = not selected as a reason
 1 = selected as a reason
Note: None of the q17d items should be checked unless q17a is 3.

q18: (numeric) ability to answer survey in electronic form.
 1 = E-mail
 2 = Web site form

3 = Both
4 = Neither